

Figure 7B is a cross-sectional view of an exemplary embodiment of the present invention that is suited for bi-directional optical communication;

Figure 8A is a side view of an exemplary embodiment of the invention using an edge emitter laser;

Figure 8B is a side view of a an embodiment using an edge emitter laser in a parallel alignment to the optical fiber.

Figure 9 is a perspective view of an exemplary incomplete header block of the present invention as implemented in a fiber array; and

Figure 10 is a perspective view of an exemplary header block of the present invention as implemented in a fiber array." with --Figure 3 is a perspective view of an exemplary incomplete header block of the present invention as implemented in a fiber array; and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of an exemplary header block of the present invention as implemented in a fiber array. f-

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Page 22, line 2, please replace "Figures 9 and 10" with --Figures 3 and 4--.

Page 22, line 5, after "removed in Figure", please replace "9" with --3--.

Page 22, line 10, after "Referring now to Figure", please replace "9" with --3--.

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Page 23, line 21, after "transmission", please delete ", similar to the arrangement disclosed in connection with Figure 5".

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